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In re Patent Application of:
Maurice S. Swanson

Application No.: 10/591,883

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Art Unit: 1632

For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR
TREATMENT OF DISEASES ASSOCIATED
WITH ABERRANT MICROSATELLITE
EXPANSION

Examiner: Ton, THAIAN N

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed February 24, 2009, Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1 - 13), drawn to a method of treating a disease associated with aberrant microsatellite expansion, comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a rAAV containing a transgene that encodes at least one protein selected from MBNL1, MBNL2, MBNL3 and a pharmaceutical composition comprising said rAAV vector.

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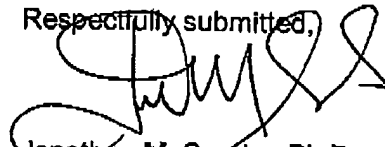
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CONCLUSION

For the reasons provided, Applicant submits that all claims are allowable as written and respectfully requests early favorable action by the Examiner. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicant's attorney/agent would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned attorney of record.

Dated: April 15, 2009

Respectfully submitted,



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